

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Cross-Reference to Co-Pending Application paragraph at page 1, lines 4 through 7, as filed on August 28, 2000, with the following paragraph:

This application is a ~~continuation~~ and a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application serial number[[s]] 08/825,249, filed March 27, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,162,128, which is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/314,864, filed September 29, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,725,437, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial no. 09/200,244, filed November 25, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,110,051, which claims the benefit of the filing date of provisional application no. 60/066,589, filed November 26, 1997, the contents of both of which are incorporated herein in their entirety.